GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCUREMENT OF COPRA BY NAFED STC
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from Government of Kerala for the procurement of copra by NAFED or STC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount released by the Government for the procurement of copra during the last year;

(d) whether there is any proposal to stop the import of palm oil from Malaysia and other countries; and

(e): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. Government of Kerala has requested to resume procurement of Copra by NAFED under Price Support Scheme (PSS) in Kerala. The procurement of copra has already been resumed in Kerala.

(c): As a Central Nodal Agency, NAFED had procured 85,410 MTs of copra under PSS in Kerala during 2000 season and an amount of Rs.287.00 crore being the procurement value of the same has been drawn by NAFED for the purpose from the State Bank of India.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Question does not arise.